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SPIDER-MAN & THE CARNAGE-POSSESSED AVENGERS

DR. TANIS NIEVES

CLETUS KASADY & HANNAH MORRELL

Months ago, Cletus Kasady, a homicidal madman and host of the powerful symbiote known as Carnage, went on the lam from the authorities. Days ago, he conquered the small town of Doverton, Colorado, within hours. A task force of the Avengers, including Captain America, Hawkeye, Wolverine, the Thing and Carnage's arch-enemy Spider-Man, was dispatched to rescue Doverton..

Carnage ambushed the Avengers and used his symbiote to possess the team, save for Spider-Man, who was rescued by a group of Doverton citizens who have formed a small resistance group in an abandoned estate on the outskirts of town.

As the resistance plots its next move, Carnage makes a move of his own, dispatching one hostage, Hannah Morrell, to kill her husband, Eric, town sheriff and one of the resistance leaders.

Meanwhile, the United States government has sent a squad of symbiote-enhanced soldiers to free the town - at any cost. With the team is Dr. Tanis Nieves, a former host of the Carnage symbiote...

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Ralsby Meat Packing Plant.

DOVERTON BRANCH.

RALSBY

GARRGAMARRGARR

GARRMARRRGAR

GARRMARRRGAR

CLANK

RAAARATT?

HURF!

CREEEEEAK

GRRRRRRRR...

GRRAARFFFF! ARRFF!

AIEE! AIEE!

HSSSSSS

GRRRRR

HEEL!

HEEL!

AIEE AIEE!

HURF?

LET 'IM GO, GIRL.

LET 'IM GO, GIRL.

A WOUNDED DOG ALWAYS GOES HOME...

PERIMETER'S SECURE.

PETTY OFFICER HOWARD OGDEN, *MARSOC. RECONNAISSANCE, DIRECT ACTION.*

WE LOST OUR FIFTH. RICO, YOU SEEN THE DOCTOR?

LIEUTENANT JAMES MURPHY, *NAVY SEALS. HEAVY MUNITIONS. ASSIGNED BIO-WEAPON: AGONY.*

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER MARCUS SIMMS, *10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP. TARGET DESIGNATION. ASSIGNED BIO-WEAPON: SYMBIOTICALLY ENHANCED WAR DOG:* **LASHER.**

LIEUTENANT RICO AXELSON, *NAVY SEALS. SNIPER. ASSIGNED BIO-WEAPON: PHAGE.*

SHE'S BACK IN THE TOOL SHED. YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO GET HER, JIMMY.

I TRIED TO RUN SOME GAME ON HER AND IT DIDN'T GO SO WELL...

CARNAGE U.S.A., PART THREE
DIE FREE OR LIVE!

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YOU GOT EYES ON THE QUAD-MANUAL XENOFORM?

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT CREEPY THING THAT LOOKS LIKE SPIDER-MAN, IT'S HEADING DUE WEST.

GRRR...

STRAIGHT TO KASADY.

WE MOVE IN *FIVE*. I WANT THIS TO BE THE LAST SUNDAY MORNING CLETUS KASADY EVER SEES.

YO, DOC NIEVES. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WINDOW SHOPPING.

Last Chance Church, DOWNTOWN DOVERTON.

MY FLOCK, WE ARE GATHERED HERE THIS MORNING TO LEARN FORGIVENESS AND LOVE...

HEE HEE HA--

SORRY! SORRY! I'M TRYING TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE HERE.

WE'RE GATHERED HERE FOR A COMMUNION OF SACRIFICE...A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY. YOUR LORD HAS TAKEN CARE OF YOU, HIS FLOCK--

YOUR LORD THINKS HE DESERVES SOMETHING IN RETURN.

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS YOUR LORD WANTS SOME @%$%@ TEETH.

OH, GOD...

HNNGH HNNGH HNNGH

HEY! NO HELPING! DO IT YOURSELF, THAT'S THE POINT!

MAVIS, I AM WATCHING YOU!

nNNNnNNyAAHH!

KEEP IT DOWN, CORPORAL FLAG FACE OR WHATEVER!

HOW 'BOUT I GIVE THEM AN ORAL HYGIENE MERIT BADGE WHEN WE'RE DONE?! WILL THAT HELP, BOY SCOUT?!

GOING... TO PUT YOU DOWN...

THIS ISN'T LIKE LAST TIME, WHEN YOU AND YOUR @#%# FRIENDS "*PUT ME DOWN*" WITH THE ***POWER OF LOVE*** OR WHATEVER THE HELL HAPPENED!

IT'S ALL HATRED AND DARKNESS IN DOVERTON. FOR INSTANCE, LAST NIGHT, I MADE A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN PROMISE TO KILL THEIR FATHER.

HNNN...

THERE IS NO LOVE HERE.

PRAY TO YOUR GOD I DON'T MAKE YOU HELP.

Ralsby Family Estate.

OUTSIDE DOVERTON.

SPIDER-MAN, PLEASE! WAKE UP!

WHA... WHAT IS IT?!

IT'S SHERIFF MORRELL... ERIC...

DON'T TOUCH ME!

I'M GOING OUT THERE! OPEN THE GATE...

YOU KNOW WE CAN'T DO THAT, ERIC.

BULL! YOU SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE?!

WHERE'S HE HEADED?

WHAT'S OUT THERE?

"WHO'S" OUT THERE, YOU MEAN.

HANNAH, COLE, AND BECKY...

"...ERIC'S WIFE AND KIDS.

MOMMY AND DADDY HAVE TO HAVE A TALK, COLE...

"...BUT IT AIN'T SAFE OUT THERE FOR ANY OF 'EM."

OPEN THE GATE! DON'T MAKE ME DO THIS!

THAT'S MY FAMILY!

CRASH

H-HANNAH...

MY BABIES...

E-ERIC?

W-WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE NOW...

W-WHAT...

THE KIDS... IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO KEEP THE KIDS...

I HAVE TO...

I HAVE TO!

WRRRENCH

MOM?

COVER YOUR SISTER'S EYES COLE

CRASH!

GET AWAY FROM MY MOM!

WHOA!

HANNAH, PLEASE...

I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!

HE TOLD ME I HAVE TO, BABY... I HAVE TO KILL YOU OR HE'S GOING TO KILL THE KIDS.

CARNAGE KIDS...

A LITTLE EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR A MORAL DILEMMA.

W-WHAT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO--

DO IT.

BABY...

DO IT!

NO!

NO! SHE CAN'T DO IT! YOUR HUSSY OF A WIFE RUINED IT FOR EVERYONE!

COLE! GRAB YOUR SISTER! WE'RE LEAVING!

THANK GOD...

NO!

I'M TAKING THEM BACK, ERIC! I'M GOING TO BAT THEM!

SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FATHER, COLE.

BYE, DADDY.

HE'S GOING TO KILL THEM! HE'S GOING TO KILL MY FAMILY!

NO, HE'S NOT.

I PROMISE.

BEEP

HOLD IT. WE'VE GOT MOVEMENT.

PLACE IS DEAD...

YOU'VE GOT TO LEAVE! GET OUT OF HERE!

CIVILIAN, HOLD YOUR FIRE.

I SAID LEAVE!

WAIT...

HSSSSSSS!

HEY! WHAT THE HELL--?

BLAM

COLD, MAN!

I DIDN'T TAKE THE SHOT...I THINK MY *SYMBIOTE* DID. THESE THINGS MUST HATE EACH OTHER--

WE MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM.

RICO KILLED A CIVILIAN?

SHE'S NOT DEAD...

I THINK THESE THINGS ARE BULLET-PROOF.

WELL, THEN...

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

...THAT'S THE BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD ALL DAY.

Last Chance Church.

EENIE MEENIE MINIE MOE...

WHICH ONE WILL YOU DO FIRST, JOE?

PLEASE, JUST LET MY KIDS GO.

HEAR THAT, CAP? LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING THE KIDS FIRST.

HNNN...

YOU ARE A STRONG ONE! LISTEN, COWBOY, WHEN I GIVE YOU AN ORDER, YOU--

BOOM

RATTA RATTA RATTA

SPLORCH

STAND DOWN, @#%##HEAD!

THIS IS STEVE ROGERS REQUESTING A SPIKE DROP ON MY LOCATION FOR CODE NAME 4563!

REPEAT, 4563!

WHO DID YOU CALL?!

WHO DID YOU CALL?!

NO FAIR!

IT'S... A...

SECRET.

THIS IS AVENGERS BLACK OPERATOR VICTOR EDWARD.

I HAVE CONFIRMED LOCATION AND WILL EXECUTE 4563 IMMEDIATELY.

VICTOR OUT.

HEH. EAGER AS I AM...THOUGHT A SHOT AT KASADY MIGHT PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP.

HILLBILLY MORON NEVER COULD HANDLE HIS SUIT. SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN A LONG TIME AGO.

LUCKY FOR US, HE WASN'T...

...I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

CONTINGENCY C, U.S. ARMY CORPORAL EUGENE "FLASH" THOMPSON, VENOM.

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